

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the amendment and remarks submitted herewith.

Claims 1-7 have been amended to change EL to electroluminescent. In addition, Applicant has labeled Figure 6 as "Prior Art." Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to the claims and Figure 6 be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Friend (U.S. 6,429,601). "A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. V. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Moreover, "[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the * * * claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Friend does not disclose all of the limitations of the claims.

Claims 1-7 include the following limitations: "the transistor size of each of said driving transistors differs from that of the other driving transistors." The Examiner asserts that in Friend: "the transistors size of each of driving transistors correspond to the light-emitting areas differs from that of the other driving transistors correspond to the other light-emitting areas (figure 3, column 7, lines 58-63). Although the specification in Friend discloses that the light-emitting areas into which each pixel is divided may be of different sizes, there is no indication that the transistors differ in size. The transistor is not the same as the light-emitting area. See column 7, lines 42-56. There is no discussion in Friend that the transistor size changes when the light emitting area is of a different size.

Moreover, in claims 2 and 3, there are additional limitations that further define the size of the transistors. Claim 5 also includes the following element: "wherein the light emission area of the electroluminescent element connected to the larger driving transistor is increased." (Emphasis supplied.) As explained above, because there is no disclosure in Friend regarding the size of the transistors, these additional limitations are also not disclosed.

Thus, Friend does not disclose all of the limitations of claims 1-7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone

conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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